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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 16, 2000

APPLICATION OF

LD TOTAL CONNECT, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990199

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity to
provide interexchange
telecommunications services

ORDER FOR NOTICE

On February 23, 2000, LD Total Connect, Inc. ("LDTC" or "Applicant"), completed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the application, is of the opinion and finds that LDTC's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that interested persons should have the opportunity to comment and request a hearing on LDTC's application; that the Commission Staff should be permitted to file a Staff Report; and that if substantive objections or

requests for hearing are received, a public hearing should be scheduled to receive evidence relevant to LDTC's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990199.

(2) On or before March 31, 2000, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice, which may be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
LD TOTAL CONNECT, INC.,
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA AND TO HAVE ITS
RATES DETERMINED COMPETITIVELY
CASE NO. PUC990199

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Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main

Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or can be ordered from LDTC's attorneys, Kathy L. Cooper, Esquire, and Paul W. Garnett, Esquire, Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP, 3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20007-5116.

Any person desiring to comment on LDTC's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services may do so by directing such comments on or before April 14, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below. Also, on or before April 14, 2000, any person desiring to lodge an objection to or request a hearing on LDTC's application shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its objection or request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below. Requests for hearing must state with specificity why a hearing is necessary. If no substantive objections are received, the Commission may grant the certificate to provide interexchange services without a hearing.

All written communications to the Commission concerning LDTC's application should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and must refer to Case No. PUC990199.

LD TOTAL CONNECT, INC.

(3) On or before March 31, 2000, Applicant shall give notice of its application to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia and each interexchange carrier certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served. Lists of all current local

exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia are attached to this Order as Appendices A and B, respectively.

(4) On or before April 14, 2000, any person desiring to lodge an objection to or request a hearing on LDTC's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its objection or request for hearing with Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Written objections shall refer to Case No. PUC990199 and shall state with specificity why a hearing is necessary.

(5) Any person desiring to comment in writing on LDTC's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services may do so by directing such comments on or before April 14, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Written comments must refer to Case No. PUC990199.

(6) The Commission Staff shall be permitted to file a Staff Report, if necessary, on or before April 20, 2000.

(7) On or before April 28, 2000, LDTC shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of all testimony it expects to introduce in rebuttal to the Staff Report, if such a report is filed.

(8) On or before April 14, 2000, LDTC shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of publication of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (2) and (3) herein.

(9) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Protestants shall provide to the Applicant, other Protestants, and Staff any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their prefiled testimony, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Rules.